

Aire Valley Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 2021

Andie Hannam Chapter Director opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanked them for attending

The Dealership was represented by Chris Higgins

She then gave apologies from Mick Pierce. Unfortunately Sue had suffered a heart attack on Tuesday evening and is now in hospital. Apologies were also received were from Naz & Hamid, Mad Baggins, Dave & Carol Malt and Phil Wilks

Andie welcomed new members Dave and Rachel Hubbard to the Chapter she then presented a patch to Michelle McHale for Ladies of Harley, last month she gave a patch for Associate Ladies of Harley to Sandy Greenham who had a break in membership so cannot be a committee member until 2024 according to the Aire Valley UK (9695) Bylaws

The Burnley Weekend at the Lavender Hotel proved to be a great weekend with quite a number of members attending over the weekend. they were met by the Mancunian Chapter who escorted Aire Valley to Morecambe. Steve, their Director told us how well it worked when they first started the second man drop off. Whoever led the ride he did the second man drop off. Excellent weekend agreed by all who attended

Andie asked the members present if anyone was going to Faker see No one attending seemed to be considering it due to regulations abroad

More locally, Deva Legion are holding their Circus Maximus 20th Anniversary celebration at the Chester Dealership on Saturday and Sunday 4 & 5 September

Hog The Humber

Shortly before Sue suffered the heart attack Mick and Sue had been to look at the camping site and hotel in Goole re the 18/19th September. There will be a free BBQ with the Dealership contributing and even if your just coming on the day all members are more than welcome to attend. There will be updates posted with details before the event

Neil HRC

No speech this time, just a report on stuff what has happened since our last meeting and what's happening before the next one. However, I also want to mention three rides that we had just before the last meeting that didn't get mentioned and which deserve to have been mentioned.

- **Sunday 18 July.** Phil MacDonald's excellent ride to Flamboro Head. Lovely ride through the Wolds on some fantastic roads and on the hottest day of the year. It was a scorcher. 26 bikes. Great rideout and we met some of the Geordie chapter there, that was nice. Brilliant ride, well done Phil!
- **Sunday 25 July.** Rob Hammerton's ride to Manifold Valley. A very interesting and pleasant ride with a surprise destination, I'm sure it will feature again in next year's calendar, at least I hope it will and it's definitely 'somewhere different'. 15 bikes. Nice one Rob.
- **Sunday 1 August.** Phil Wilk's ride to Glasson Dock near Lancaster. Another 'somewhere different' rideout which took us through the Trough of Bowland there and back, it was a brilliant choice of destination and provided us with not only the best chips EVER! But some of our boys very ably assisted a sports bike rider who had a flat tyre, purely because of our superior knowledge and panniers full of enough tools to repair a jumbo jet, he was off safe and sound with a better attitude towards Harley riders, at least for the next ten minutes anyway. I believe that was Graham Cloake and Phil Wilks getting their hands dirty? Well done guys! 15 bikes.

Since our last meeting:

- **Sunday 15 August.** Gary Holroyd took us on a stunning rideout through the western Dales where in the tiny hamlet of Feizor there exists an absolute delight of a café that provided everyone with great food and drinks. A lovely rideout and 22 bikes! Well done Gary!
- **Sunday 29 August.** A great rideout with 20 bikes! It was Mick Crossland's Road Captain assessment ride with our ultimate destination Saltburn Upon Sea, we left the Moto services at Wetherby (that was a new one for us) and enjoyed a stunning ride to the coast via Helmsley and Stokesley. We had new members and members who hadn't ridden out with us for a while and what a great rideout it was, fabulous riding roads, stunning scenery and good weather although it was a bit nippy by the coast. Mick demonstrated good organisational skills, he led the ride at a sensible pace, kept us all together, didn't get lost and showed us what a great choice he was for a Road Captain, well done Mick!

What's happening in the next few weeks:

- **Sunday 5 September:** NHS Ride of Thanks.
- **Sunday 12 September:** Andrew Fairhurst's rideout to the Dales, he always has a few surprises up his sleeve so it won't be predictable, but it will be good fun!
- **17/18/19 September:** HOG The Humber, more from Mick Pierce about that shortly but just to let you know for those not camping or staying in the pub, I'll be leading a rideout to Reedness on Sunday 19th from the Esso Service Station on Armley Road

and then onto the Humber Bridge all together where Mick will take us on a short(ish) tootle around the Wolds culminating in a re-crossing of the bridge and back to Reedness.

- **Sunday 26 September:** Another Road Captain assessment ride, this time for Hamid Ghadamian (and Naz, I think she does most of the planning) and they have planned a route to Barnard Castle, somewhere we haven't been for a while. Please come and support them as we did Mick last Sunday.
- **Saturday 2 October:** RTTW. We'll be meeting at Woodall Services on the M1 and riding down together.

Last but not least, 2RDO is going well, it's not perfect yet but it's getting there, I'm happy with our progress, in fact I'm delighted with our progress so well done everyone for your efforts.

Trevor Phillips asked Andie about the Ride 365 mileage recordings

Andie explained they needed to be logged with the Dealership and to be included in your accumulated mileage. Ethan at the Dealership seems to be the one to speak to and when you've reached milestones you'll be sent a patch from HOG

Andie told members that we were experiencing difficulties with the Roar on the Moor Facebook website and asked if anyone was experienced enough to delete it and we could then set up a new Facebook Page. In the meantime she asked no members to post on it as she can't see anything on that site so is unable to answer any queries raised.

Rob Hammerton mentioned the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride and was pleased that Aire Valley are supporting the event which was set up throughout the world to raise funds and highlight awareness of prostate cancer and Men's mental health. The date at the moment for this event is 22nd May and any one wishing to participate should register at gentleman'sride.com. Michelle McHale posted a video of the previous years ride on our Facebook Page which is worth a look

Rob also mentioned at the AGM hip flasks will be awarded to riders that have been on the most ride outs with only a few rides left.

A reminder that Ride to the Wall 2nd October will leave Woodall Services at 10am and you do need to register on the Ride to the Wall site prior to the event

Andie said the Bring & Buy would take place at the November Meeting

She asked that as a Chapter we should send a card to Sue Pierce that was posted yesterday Ursula asked if there was a Christmas Party and if it would be at The Parkway. Andie said they would ask members what they felt at the AGM when hopefully more members would attend

Phil Hannam raised a point about the 10 year pins given out last month John Bowles had expected one and Sandy Greenham said Phil Wilkes had not received one when he had completed 10 years. Sandra to check this out in time for the next meeting

Sandy Greenham explained that she had met Phil 8 years ago and he introduced her to his Harley world and she's been hooked ever since. She has been involved with Ladies of Harley for several years and knows lots of the ladies from other Chapters

Sandy then spoke about Ladies of Harley and a trip to Birmingham and said all Ladies would be welcome to join her at the Bridgewater LOH Christmas Market trip to Birmingham 19-21 November. Gill Mogg Director checked out hotels and has found one £80 to £100 each for both nights they are twin rooms so you'd need someone to share with. Everyone welcome the more the merrier

The raffle was drawn. 16. Phil
6. Gary
106. Jim

Andie thanked all for attending reminded everyone that the next meeting would be back at Yarnbury on 6th October at 7.30. She said she would update on Sue's condition as and when and thanked everyone for their good wishes for Sue's recovery

32 people attended the raffle made £42 for our Air Ambulance Charity